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Area closure issued for Terwilliger Fire

Blue River, OR (Aug. 21, 2018) -- Fire officials are implementing an area closure order for the Terwilliger Fire for public safety due to a combination of high fire danger, and exceptionally dry conditions and unpredictable fire behavior. The area closure includes a section of Forest Service Road 19 (Aufederheide Scenic Highway).

"We understand this is a disappointment to residents and visitors who patiently waited for the road to reopen after the December 2017 landslide, but unfortunately, the risk is too great," said Forest Supervisor Tracy Beck. "Our highest responsibility must be visitor and firefighter safety."

The size of the closure reflects the rapid growth that fire managers have witnessed since the fire was initially reported on August 19. Given the weather forecast and already dry forest conditions, the fire could continue to grow and additional closures could take place.

The closure starts where Forest Service Road 19, Aufederheide Drive, intersects with Forest Service Road 1900-408 and continues south just north of Rebel Trailhead.

Closed Campgrounds:

- Hard Rock Campground
- French Pete Campground
- Cougar Crossing Campground
- Sunnyside Campground
- Slide Creek Campground

Closed Recreation Sites:

- Indian Ridge Lookout
- Terwilliger Hot Springs

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Closed Trails:

- French Pete Trail #3311
- Bear Flat Trail #3301
- Quaking Aspen Trail #3332
- Lowder Mountain Trail #3329
- Olallie Mountain Trail #4100
- Walker Creek Trail #3330
- East Fork Trail #3308
- Indian Ridge Trail #3315
- Rider Creek Trail #3319
- French Pete Trailhead
- Upper Lowder Mountain Trailhead
- Upper East Fork Trailhead
- Lower East Fork/Lower Echo Trailhead
- Echo Trailhead
- O'Leary / Castle Rock Trailhead
- Lowder Mountain Trailhead
- Indian Ridge North (Upper) Trailhead
- Indian Ridge South (Lower) Trailhead

Closed Forest Service Roads (FSR):

- Sections of FSR 1900
- Sections of FSR 2618
- Sections of FSR 1927
- FSR 1900-408
- FSR 1900-410
- FSR 1980
- FSR 1985
- FSR 1986
- Sections of FSR 1993
- FSR 1994

Sources below are available to stay up-to-date on the Terwilliger Fire and current fire restrictions.

- Closure area map and details: <http://go.usa.gov/xRnz7>
- Terwilliger Fire information line: (541) 822.7259
- InciWeb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6160>
- Fire information and current fire restrictions:
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/willamette/fire>

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